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OMEGA 6 POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS AND THE

PROCESS THEREOF

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-9 and 21 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed January 28, 2008.

The amount of \$510 to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1) is being paid.

Also enclosed is a Petition for three-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, thereby extending said period of response from April 28, 2008 to July 28, 2008.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Merchant & Gould P.C., Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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